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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING, MARCH 7, 1975

FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS.

NO. 7

SUMMARY OF ACTING SPOKESMAN'S RESPONSES AT TODAY'S BRIEFING
FOLLOWS:

1. MORTON HALPERIN'S FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI)
REQUESTS -- IN A LENGTHY EXCHANGE FUNSETH STATED COPIES OF
SALT BACKGROUNDEERS WERE PROVIDED HALPERIN THROUGH FOI
PROCEDURES. ONLY CLASSIFIED MATERIAL WAS DELETED, AND
CLASSIFICATION OF THIS MATERIAL TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THAT
PUBLIC ATTRIBUTION TO THE SECRETARY COULD BE HARMFUL TO OUR
NATIONAL SECURITY. (A LENGTHY EXCHANGE ENSUED ON THIS
SUBJECT.)

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2. NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WITH IRAN -- (WASHINGTON POST TODAY

PAGE ONE STATED IRAN WILL BE ALLOWED TO REPROCESS ITS SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL, OR PLUTONIUM, AS PART OF THE U.S. IRANIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT IT SIGNED THIS WEEK WITH THE U.S.) FUNSETH SAID THAT THE AGREEMENT FOR NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH IRAN IS STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION. BUT WHEN AGREEMENT

CONCLUDED AND ITS SIGNING AUTHORIZED BY THE PRESIDENT, IT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO SENATE FOR RATIFICATION AS REQUIRED UNDER EXISTING LEGISLATION.

THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO ALLOW IRAN TO KEEP PLUTONIUM IS STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION, BUT IRAN IS AN NPT SIGNATORY AND HAS AGREED TO PLACE ITS NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND MATERIAL USED OR PRODUCED THEREIN UNDER INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS. ALSO RECALLED SECRETARY'S STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT AT PRESS CONFERENCE WITH IRANIAN MINISTER ANSARY.

3. ARMS REQUESTS FROM INDIA -- NOT AWARE OF ANY GOI REQUESTS.

4. EVACUATION FROM PHNOM PEHN -- NO CHANGE FROM YESTERDAY.

5. IRANIAN F.5'S TO PAKISTAN -- NOT AWARE OF THIS REPORT. BUT ANY TRANSFERS WOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHATEVER UNDERSTANDINGS WE HAD WITH GOI WHEN WE SUPPLIED OR SOLD THEM THAT MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

6. IRAN'S PROVISION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT OF U.S. ORIGIN TO THE KURDS -- NOT AWARE OF IRAN VIOLATING ANY ARMS AGREEMENTS WITH U.S. IN THIS CONNECTION, HAVE SEEN PRESS REPORTS THAT IRAN AND IRAQ HAVE REACHED SOME SORT OF AGREEMENT AT ALGIERS. IF TRUE, WE WELCOME ANY ARRANGEMENT CONTRIBUTING TO TRANQUILITY AND STABILITY IN THE AREA.

7. WE ISSUED ACDA PRESS RELEASE ON CONCLUSION OF SECOND ROUND OF US-SOVIET ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATIONS TALKS.

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